



Thanksgiving
When You Reap, Remember

November 21, 2018

ZION

LUTHERAN



In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome! We pray that within our church you will find the quiet assurance of God's presence, the warmth of Christian fellowship, and the abiding truth of God's Word. Come worship with us again!

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FOR THOSE ATTENDING WORSHIP

- **Contact:** Our pastors and principal are here to serve you. Contact information is provided below.
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SERVING TODAY

Preaching	Pastor Timothy Schwartz
Presiding	Pastor Timothy Schwartz
Organist.....	Marie Becker
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OPENING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God | CW 610

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Worship the LORD with gladness;**

M: Come before him with joyful songs.

C: **Know that the LORD is God.**

M: It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: **we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

C: **and his courts with praise;**

M: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

C: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;**

All: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100 (NIV)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your blessings, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 4:10-20 | NIV

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CHOIR

A Thanksgiving Prayer | Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price;

Music by Don Besig

*Thank you, Lord, for loving us all,
For your gifts both great and small,
For the faith which keeps us strong.
Now we join in thankful song.*

*For the beauty all around,
Ev'ry sight and ev'ry sound,
For the love and friendship we share,
Lord, we bow in thankful prayer.*

*We gather together to share in God's blessings:
The colors of autumn, the blossoms of spring,
The gift of creation, the promise of salvation.
For all His many wonders our thanks now we
bring.*

*Together we join in our song of thanksgiving,
With grateful rejoicing our voices we raise.
All men and all nations unite in celebration,
To God be all honor and glory and praise!
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:29-39 | NIV

Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. ³⁰Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. ³¹The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

³²Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

³³His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?"

³⁴"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

³⁵He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. ³⁷They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Lord of Nations | CW 785



1 O Lord of na - tions, hear our prayer.
 2 For farms and fields of gold - en grain,
 3 Most grate - ful, gra - cious God, are we
 4 For - give us, Lord, when we for - get



We thank you for this land most fair,
 For sci - ence and for med - i - cine,
 That in this coun - try we are free
 Your gifts to share, your Word to spread



Cre - a - ted by your might.
 For wealth be - yond com - pare,
 To wor - ship you a - bove.
 To those who ache and bleed.



For moun - tain sun - set, lake at dawn,
 For lei - sure time and work to do.
 We gath - er here to speak your name,
 Re - new our will to help the weak,



For wood - land bloom and rob - in song,
 Lord, all these bless - ings come from you,
 Then leave this place to spread your fame
 To feed the hun - gry, and to speak



For stars that lace the night,
 Signs of your lov - ing care.
 That all may know your love.
 Your Word to souls in need.

<p>5 And for the leaders you ordained We pray, O Lord, that they remain Courageous, honest, wise. Oh, give them guidance, make them strong To stand for right, to battle wrong, That freedom's song may rise.</p>	<p>6 When storm and terror strike our land, Remove our fear and help us stand Against our enemies. Lord, may no wicked men prevail. May ev'ry plot of treach'ry fail. May we remain at peace.</p>
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7 And when at last all nations fall
 And you return as Lord of all
 To make the earth anew,
 Then may we join that shining band
 Of saints from ev'ry tribe and land
 And make our home with you.

SERMON

When You Reap, Remember | Leviticus 19:5-10

When you sacrifice a fellowship offering to the Lord, sacrifice it in such a way that it will be accepted on your behalf. ⁶It shall be eaten on the day you sacrifice it or on the next day; anything left over until the third day must be burned up. ⁷If any of it is eaten on the third day, it is impure and will not be accepted. ⁸Whoever eats it will be held responsible because they have desecrated what is holy to the Lord; they must be cut off from their people.

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.

HYMN

We Thank You for Your Blessings | CW 615

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

M: Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;

C: **Use them your holy purpose to fulfill.**

M: Tokens of love and pledges they shall be

C: **That our whole life is offered to your will. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: People loved by God, let us give to Him all thanks and praise this day as we say:

C: **blessed are You forever!**

M: For the good gifts of this country, our community, our neighbors and all things that fill life with joy and meaning, O Lord, our God,

C: **blessed are You forever!**

M: For food and drink, for family and friends, for the foretaste of the heavenly feast You grant us even in our earthly gatherings, O Lord, our God,

C: **blessed are You forever!**

M: For the opportunity to share Your good gifts with those less fortunate, for every act of kindness and compassion, for every listening ear and caring heart, O Lord, our God,

C: **blessed are You forever!**

M: For those who labor to hold chaos at bay: those entrusted with civil authority, our first responders, our health-care workers and social workers, O Lord, our God,

C: **blessed are You forever!**

M: For those who tenderly care for the weak and vulnerable among us, those who work in nursing homes and child-care centers, and all who keep watch that others may sleep in peace, O Lord, our God,

C: blessed are You forever!

M: For those who teach and those who learn in the schools of the church and of the nation, and for all who seek to impart the light of knowledge and the hope of betterment, O Lord, our God,

C: blessed are You forever!

M: For the gift of the Word of God, for those who proclaim it so faithfully among us, and for those who gather to hear it, ponder it and grow in it, O Lord, our God,

C: blessed are You forever!

M: For the grace of Baptism and the gift of a fresh start to each day in Your forgiving love, O Lord, our God,

C: blessed are You forever!

M: For the unspeakable love You show us in the gift of Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness, for the peace this Sacrament brings us, and for the hope that it pours into our lives, O Lord, our God,

C: blessed are You forever!

M: For the promise of everlasting life in Christ, for those we knew and love who have fallen asleep in Him, for the new heavens and the new earth, and for the city with foundations, whose builder and maker is God, O Lord, our God,

C: blessed are You forever!

M: For the glory of Your holiness, the comfort of Your love, the joy of sins forgiven and the peace of death defeated, O Lord, our God,

C: blessed are You forever!

M: For all these blessings and so many more that we can never number or name them all, for all people and for all things, O Lord, our God,

C: blessed are You forever! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER

M: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

C: **and his mercy endures forever.**

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, you have created us and gifted us with all that we are and have as a pure gift of your “fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,

C: **without any merit or worthiness in us.”**

M: You sustain us from day to day with the gifts of daily bread in the food that we eat,

C: **the family that surrounds us,**

M: the friends we enjoy,

C: **the work that satisfies and provides,**

M: the instruments in society that protect us,

C: **the country where we live,**

M: and the countless other benefits

C: **that we constantly receive from your open hand.**

M: During this time of Thanksgiving, cause us to gratefully remember the good gifts that you shower on us. Deepen us in the knowledge of your goodness and awaken our hearts to praise you for all of your gifts,

C: **especially the forgiveness of sins that you have purchased and won for us and the whole world in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

M: Keep us mindful of your mercies every day and grant that we may thank, praise, serve and obey you

C: **not only with our lips, but with lives dedicated to your service.**

M: To you, our Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be all honor and glory,

C: **and praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, (†) and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

For the Fruit of His Creation | CW 611

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